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**REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time within which to respond to the final rejection dated December 22, 2004 such that Applicants response and/or appeal will now be due on or before April 22, 2005. The required extension fee for response within the first month for other than a small entity of \$120.00 is enclosed in the form of a check made payable to the Director of Patents and Trademarks.

Kindly consider the following remarks in response to the final rejection.

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